



# TOLL BRIDGE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

CALTRANS BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

November 14, 2011, 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

**Attendees:** TBPOC Members: Steve Heminger (Chair), Malcolm Dougherty, and Bimla Rhinehart  
PMT Members: Tony Anziano, Andrew Fremier, and Stephen Maller  
Participants: Michele DiFrancia, Rich Foley, Mike Forner, Beatriz Lacson, Peter Lee, Brian Maroney, Bart Ney, Dina Noel, Bijan Sartipi, Jon Tapping, Ken Terpstra, Deanna Vilchek, and Jason Weinstein

Convened: 12:10 PM

Items		Action
1.	<b>STRUCTURES INSPECTION REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chair questioned as to why the news item (in the Sacramento Bee and other media) that casts doubt on the seismic safety of the new East Span was not brought to the immediate attention of the TBPOC.</li><li>○ M. Dougherty offered the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ the issue is a Department personnel problem involving an employee falsifying data on foundation reports on various statewide projects;</li><li>➢ there should be no cause for concern on the safety of the new span and structures involved;</li><li>➢ the employee was fired on November 8 after a conclusive investigation;</li><li>➢ it was not a Bay Bridge story until the Sacramento Bee made it so.</li></ul></li><li>○ The Chair noted the statutory role of the TBPOC; it is important that all pertinent information regarding and affecting the bridges it oversees be shared with the committee, and it will decide what is relevant.</li><li>• In response to the Chair's inquiry regarding the tower foundation quality control (QC) results, T. Anziano reported that a package is being put</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B. Ney to develop a statement for press release tomorrow.</li><li>• Staff to schedule a TBPOC conference call tomorrow, November 15, at 1:00 PM, to review the press statement.</li></ul>

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together for TBSSPRP review.	

Adjourned: 12:58 PM

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**APPROVED BY:**

  
**STEVE HEMINGER**, Executive Director  
Bay Area Toll Authority

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Date

  
**BIMLA G. RHINEHART**, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission

9/10/12  
Date

  
**Malcolm Dougherty**, Acting Director  
California Department of Transportation

9/4/2012  
Date